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NOTE ON THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN MYSORE FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY THE 14TH JULY, 1923.

A total of 102 attacks and 65 deaths from plague was returned for the State against 64 attacks and 33 deaths during the week previous, the Cities of Bangalore, Mysore, and Kolar Gold Fields and the Districts of Tumkur and Chitaldrug remaining free from infection.

2. There were no cases of cholera reported during the week.

3. The total mortality for the Bangalore City amounted to 57 representing a calculated annual ratio of 25·00 per mille of population against the average ratio of 34·83. Classified according to causes, the deaths numbered 6 under malaria, 6 under pneumonia, 2 under other fevers, 4 under phthisis, and 39 under all other causes.

4. The total mortality for the Mysore City amounted to 26, representing a calculated annual ratio of 16·10 per mille of population against the average ratio of 33·48. The causes of deaths were, malaria 1, pneumonia 2, other fevers 1, phthisis 2, dysentery and diarrhœa 2 and all other causes 18.

5. There were no cases of influenza or relapsing fever reported during the week.

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A BRIEF REVIEW ON THE RECORDED VITAL STATISTICS OF DISTRICTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1922.

1. The annexed statement shows by districts the number of births, the number of deaths classified according to principal causes and the infantile mortality recorded during the half-year ending 31st December 1922.

2. *Births.*—The total number of births registered during the half-year was 55,450 as against 49,099 in the preceeding half year, equivalent to annual ratios of 18·92 and 16·75 respectively per mille of population. The highest birth-rate (23·34) was, as in the preceding half-year recorded for the Kolar District, and similarly the lowest (14·86) for the Mysore District, the rates for the other districts ranging between 16·98 (Hassan) and 21·39 (Tumkur).

3. *Deaths.*—A total of 49,054 deaths from all causes were returned for the half-year, yielding an annual ratio of 16·74 per mille, as compared with 36·453 and 12·42 in the preceding half-year. The death-rate for the Mysore District (11·27) was the lowest and that for the Bangalore District (22·38) the highest, the rates for the other districts ranging between 11·81 (Chitaldrug) and 20·75 (Hassan). Births exceeded deaths in the districts of Kolar, Tumkur, Mysore and Chitaldrug.

4. *Infantile Mortality.*—The total number of children under one year of age that died during the half year was 5,164, as against 3,856 during the previous half-year. The infantile mortality rate was 93·11 or roughly one out of every 10 children born did not survive the first year of life. The highest infantile mortality rates were returned for Kadur (139·54), Shimoga (109·76) and Hassan (109·51). The district of Kolar returned a rate of 107·29. The lowest rate (53·50) was reported for the Mysore District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

5. *Plague.*—Plague prevailed in all the districts accounting for 6,729 deaths as compared with 2,253 in the preceding half-year. The districts of Bangalore, Kolar and Mysore contributed the largest number of deaths, *viz.*, 2,442, 1,226 and 1,228 respectively.

6. *Cholera.*—A total of 47 deaths was returned during the half-year as against 7 in the previous half-year, the districts affected being Mysore, Hassan and Chitaldrug.

7. *Small-pox.*—Small-pox accounted for, 599 deaths as compared with 581 deaths in the previous half-year. The districts of Kadur and Shimoga were practically free from the disease.

8. *Fevers.*—During the half-year, the number of deaths recorded under this head aggregated to 22,823 or nearly one-half of the total deaths registered under all causes. As compared with the half-year previous there was an increase of 4,728 deaths under this head, all the districts except Kolar contributing towards the increrse. The largest difference (1,806) occurred in the Hassan District.

9. *Diarrhœa and dysentry.*—One thousand eight hundred and forty deaths were recorded during the half-year under this head as compared with 1,316 in the preceding half-year.

10. But for the prevalence of plague, the state of public health during the half-year may, on the whole, be said to be satisfactory.

Statement showing the Vital Statistics for the half-year ending 31st December 1922.

(*Vide Government Order No.* 4215-36—*Stl.* 23-21-1, *dated* 14*th March* 1922.)

Place or district	Population according to Census of 1921	Number of births registered	Ratio per 1,000 of population	Number of deaths registered	Ratio per 1,000 of population	Causes of death		
						Plague	Cholera	Small-pox
Bangalore	9,06,935	9,242	20·38	10,151	22·38	2,442	..	137
Kolar	7,02,339	9,199	26·34	8,102	20·35	1,226	..	103
Tumkur	7,73,122	8,269	21·39	5,437	14·06	38	..	40
Mysore	14,03,319	10,428	14·86	7,913	11·27	1,228	1	170
Hassan	5,83,960	4,058	16·98	31	20·75	589	3	9
Shimoga	4,92,560	4,473	13·16	38	19·64	708	..	28
Kadur	3,33,538	2,888	17·31	5,110	18·64	348	..	3
Chitaldrug	5,74,179	5,993	20·85	3,392	11·81	155	43	109
Total ..	58,59,952	55,450	18·92	49,054	16·74	6,729	47	599

Place or district	Causes of death—concld.							Infantile mortality	
	Fevers	Respiratory diseases	Diarrhœa dysentry and other bowel complaints	Suicide	Wound or accident	Snake bite or killed by wild beasts	All other causes	Number of deaths among children under one year	Ratio per 1,000 of births registered
Bangalore	3,938	512	271	9	44	12	2,726	832	90·02
Kolar	3,466	173	271	4	92	13	2,754	987	107·29
Tumkur	2,967	21	273	9	49	13	2,027	777	93·96
Mysore	3,256	289	368	15	88	19	2,479	558	53·50
Hassan	3,886	44	178	6	13	11	1,343	543	109·51
Shimoga	2,028	77	209	15	16	9	1,788	491	109·76
Kadur	1,561	..	148	..	74	..	1,051	403	139·54
Chitaldrug	1,681	16	122	33	47	11	1,175	573	95·64
Total ..	22,823	1,132	1,840	91	352	88	15,353	5,164	93·11

10*th July* 1923.

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